

## Supporting Statement re Submission to 2018 Draft Budget

YCAN would like to speak about achieving the **City of Yarra's objectives for a "Healthy, Sustainable, Liveable and Connected City."**

### *In reference to Active transport and bicycle infrastructure*

1. Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions is essential to combatting climate change. NB: recent reports suggest that it is becoming increasingly difficult to restrict temperature increase to less than 1.5deg. Motorised vehicles are a major producer of emissions.
2. More cyclists and pedestrians mean fewer vehicles on Yarra's roads
3. Cycling numbers will only increase with better and safer infrastructure
4. A couple of points stand out in a new City of Melbourne discussion paper, Bicycles for Everyday Transport a) 83% of people are confident to ride in a protected lane, compared with 22% in a non-protected one, and b) numbers of Yarra cyclists travelling to CBD could more than double if people felt safer and better facilities were supplied.

### **YCAN urges Council to:**

1. implement the BAC recommendations for bicycle infrastructure
2. follow UN recommendations that 20% of transport spending be for active transport
3. clarify budget to show actual spending for bike and pedestrian infrastructure, rather than many aspects being bundled into road and footpath funding.

### **In addition:**

While not strictly budget items, YCAN see it as essential that Council:

1. work with surrounding municipalities and the State Government to enable it to participate and influence future active transport policies in the municipality and Melbourne-wide
2. develop a new four-year Bicycle Strategy Plan as a matter of urgency. Without this, Yarra risks being left behind.